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YONHAP/AP

U.S. soldiers walk by the wreckage of a U-2 spy plane after it crashed Sunday in Hwasung, near Osan, South Korea.

U-2 crashes in S. Korea

BY JAE-SUK YOO

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — An American U-2 spy plane crashed Sunday in South Korea, injuring three people on the ground. The Air Force pilot ejected safely.

The U-2 pilot was taken to a hospital at the U.S. base in Osan, about 30 miles southeast of Seoul, where he was treated for minor injuries, Air Force spokeswoman Lt. Toni Tones said.

The jet took off from Osan and crashed about six miles away in Hwasung, Tones said. Authorities did not release the name of the pilot, who is from the 5th Recon-

naissance Squadron, or disclose details about his mission.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said three people on the ground were injured by the crash, which caused fires at a house and auto repair shop.

"We are deeply sorry for this accident," Brig. Gen. Mark Beesley, vice commander of the 7th U.S. Air Force, said in a statement.

Beesley, who visited the injured at a local hospital, said the U.S. military would take steps to ensure civilian damage claims would be processed quickly, the statement said.

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Report: Turkey OKs U.S. troop movement to Iraq

The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — The Turkish military has agreed to let up to 20,000 U.S. troops pass through the country into northern Iraq if there is a war, a newspaper report said Sunday.

The report follows visits last week by the U.S. military chief of staff and the U.S. general in charge of NATO. The report said the agreement was between Turkish and U.S. military officials.

Turkish military officials were not available to comment on the report. The Turkish Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment and a U.S. Embassy spokesman said he had no knowledge of such an agreement.

Any transit of U.S. troops through Turkey would require approval in parliament, where it could face stiff opposition.

According to a report published in the *Milliyet* newspaper, U.S. troops would not be stationed in Turkey, but would only pass through Turkey on their way to northern Iraq, which is controlled by Kurds and is outside of Baghdad's control.

An overwhelming majority of Turks oppose military action in Iraq and Turkish legislators have balked at a U.S. request to allow U.S. troops to be based in Turkey for an Iraq operation.

On Saturday, Secretary of State Colin Powell met in Davos, Switzerland, with Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul to discuss Iraq.

On Sunday, some 5,000 demonstrators gathered in Istanbul, chanting anti-U.S. slogans and holding signs saying "We will not be America's soldiers," and "Yankee go home."

Hoping to avoid a war, Turkey hosted a meeting of Iraq's neighbors on Thursday and urged Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Turkey fears that a war in Iraq could deepen its economic recession, lead to a refugee influx on its borders and lead to the formation of an independent Iraqi Kurdish state in northern Iraq — a development which Turkish officials say could inspire autonomy seeking Kurdish rebels in Turkey.

No-fly zone attacks

DOHA, Qatar — Allied jets patrolling the southern no-fly zone over Iraq struck five communication relay sites Sunday after Iraqi aircraft "violated" the zone, the U.S. military said.

The aircraft from the U.S.-British coalition used precision-guided weapons in the raid against sites that can be used to help target the allied patrols, the U.S. Central Command said in a statement on its Web site.

The cable repeater sites were located between the towns of al-Kut and an-Nasiriyah, each about 100 miles southeast of the capital, Baghdad.

From wire services

Crash

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The crash comes amid rising anti-American sentiment in South Korea following the acquittals in a U.S. military court of two Army soldiers whose vehicle hit and killed two local schoolgirls in June.

"When I returned after a short break, my shop was half broken down and on fire, and the military plane was wrecked beyond recognition," repair shop owner Lee Jae-kwon told Yonhap news service.

The U-2 operates at an altitude of more than 70,000 feet, beyond the range of most surface-to-air missiles. North Korea frequently complains about U.S. surveillance of the communist country.

The crash came amid rising tension on the Korean Peninsula as the United States and its allies try to pressure North Korea to abandon its suspected nuclear weapons program.

In August, two U.S. Army pilots died when their Apache helicopter crashed into a hillside during a night training flight.

U.N. workers killed

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — Four people were killed in a shootout with suspected bandits in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, including two Afghan employees of the United Nations, police said.

Police arrested one suspected bandit wounded in the gun-battle along a remote rural road, said Ajab Shah, police chief in the city of Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Afghanistan's Nangahar province.

Two of those killed were working with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, which is providing relief to homeless people in the area. Also killed were a police official and one of the suspected attackers, Shah said.

From wire services

News tracker: What's new with old news

States

Lawsuit in Diallo case: — One of four police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Amadou Diallo in 1999 said he intends to sue the New York Police Department to be reinstated to active duty.

Kenneth Boss and three other police officers fired 41 shots at Diallo, then a 22-year-old street vendor in the Bronx, saying they mistook his black wallet for a gun. He was placed on desk duty after the Feb. 4, 1999, shooting and all four officers were stripped of their badges and guns by then-Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik.

Moose book: Charles Moose, the Montgomery County, Md., police chief who led the Washington-area sniper investigation, plans to announce a deal for a book and possibly a movie about him, according to a published report.

New York literary agent David Vigliano told The Washington Post about the deal for a story in Saturday's editions, but would not identify the buyer or disclose the price. He said Moose would officially announce the deal Tuesday.

One publisher who was approached by the agent described the project as a blow-by-blow account of the investigation, interspersed with Moose's personal story of growing up poor and rising to the position of police chief.

Local officials have warned Moose that profiting from the deal could land him on the wrong side of the county's strict ethics provisions.

Diocese raises abuse awareness: The Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino is responding to the church sex abuse scandal in an unusual way: it published a victim's firsthand account and is distributing a video to its parishes to raise awareness.

"We're trying to put our words into actions," said Deacon Mike Jelley.

The newsletter, printed in Spanish and English, includes the words of a 40-year-old San Bernardino County man who described how a priest from another Southern California diocese molested him as a child. The videotape encourages victims to call a church hot line for help.

World

Venezuela street protest: Opponents of President Hugo Chavez renewed pro-

tests on a central Caracas highway Sunday after thousands slept under the stars to protest a Supreme Court decision suspending a referendum on Chavez's rule.

Protesters young and old danced to salsa music blaring from massive loudspeakers as countless red, blue and yellow national flags fluttered in the wind.

The crowd's size fluctuated between 200,000 and 300,000 Saturday.

The ruling on Wednesday indefinitely postponed a Feb. 2 referendum which would have asked Venezuelans whether Chavez should resign.

More Ivory Coast violence: Mobs in the country's largest city attacked foreigners and French institutions Sunday in violent protests against a French-brokered peace plan.

Pillars of white smoke rose from the direction of Ivory Coast's French Embassy in Abidjan, and explosions were heard from inside. In Paris, a Defense Ministry official said France would "reinforce" its military presence in its former West African colony, already 2,500 strong.

Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo — also in Paris, where the peace plan was drafted Friday — appealed for order. "I ask all Ivorians to stay calm," Gbagbo said.

Arrest concerns: Despite warnings that Yugoslavia risks losing U.S. financial aid and international support, a Yugoslav minister indicated Sunday his government's reluctance to arrest a top war crimes fugitive.

Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic said there were "several problems involving the arrest" of the former Bosnian Serbian commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, believed to be hiding in Serbia.

Mladic was indicted by the U.N. war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands, chiefly for the killing of at least 7,300 men and young boys in the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995.

War on terrorism

Kuwait shooting: Kuwaiti authorities said Saturday they had detained at least six more men in connection with an ambush shooting Tuesday that left one American defense contractor dead and another wounded near a U.S. military compound.

The names of the detained men, all believed to be Kuwaiti citizens, were

not released, and it was not clear Saturday night whether they had all been arrested or if some were simply being held for questioning. About 8,000 U.S. civilians and an ever-growing contingent of American troops are in Kuwait, massing for a potential attack on neighboring Iraq.

Blair timeline: United Nations weapons inspectors should have the time they need to do their job in Iraq, but it should not take them months to determine whether Saddam Hussein is cooperating fully, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Sunday.

Blair also said he would be "very focused" on securing formal U.N. backing for military action against Saddam if force becomes necessary.

Interviewed on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s "Breakfast with Frost" program, he emphasized that Saddam has a responsibility not just to give inspectors access to sites they ask to see, but to tell them exactly what weapons of mass destruction he has.

Suspects questioned: A Spanish judge on Sunday started questioning 16 suspected al-Qaida terrorists, who authorities say are possibly linked to the ricin poison case in Britain.

Police arrested the 15 Algerians and a Moroccan on Friday at homes in Barcelona and other cities in northeast Spain and say they found explosives, chemicals, timers and other electronic equipment for making bombs, false passports and other documents.

India terror: The second of two Indian Muslim men held in the United States for 15 months as Sept. 11 suspects claimed Saturday that he was tortured, threatened and kept in solitary confinement for months.

Mohammed Azmath, 37, said he was forced to remain outside in the cold, told he would die in prison, denied access to a lawyer for three months and kept in solitary confinement for a year, with lights and cameras on him 24 hours a day.

Azmath and his friend, Gul Mohammed Shah, 36, became known as the "boxcutter detainees" because they were arrested on a train in Texas on Sept. 12, 2001, after law enforcement authorities found two box cutters, hair dye, a knife and several thousand dollars among their belongings.

The men pleaded guilty to credit card fraud and were deported.

From wire reports

Turkey's top politician claims U.S. forces already are positioned in Iraq

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Turkey hasn't sent its own forces into northern Iraq to help the Americans prepare for war, but U.S. troops are in Iraq, Turkey's top politician was quoted Sunday as saying.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who heads the ruling party and is expected to become prime minister after parliamentary by-elections in March, did not say when the U.S. soldiers entered Iraq or their numbers.

He was speaking with the pan-Arab daily Al Hayat at an interview in Davos, Switzerland.

"The Americans are using their reconnaissance planes and are able to implement their plans through the soldiers who entered northern and southern Iraq," Erdogan was quoted as saying.

He denied Turkey had completed preparations to send tens of thousands of its own forces to northern Iraq, Al Hayat reported.

Turkey is under heavy U.S. pressure to allow use of its bases to attack Iraq, but public opposition to war is strong in the only largely Muslim member of NATO. Erdogan denied

the United States was pressuring Ankara or offering it economic help to ensure its support.

Erdogan, addressing the World Economic Forum on Friday, reiterated that Turkey, a key U.S. ally in the 1991 Gulf War, would prefer to have U.N. approval for any attack on Iraq before deciding whether to support military action. Washington says it does not need U.N. approval.

Many observers expect Turkey eventually will bow to U.S. pressure and allow use of the bases.

Powell: Time is running out for Saddam

BY GEORGE GEDDA

The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Without strong international action to disarm, Iraq could use its lethal weapons or share its technology with terrorists, Secretary of State Colin Powell warned Sunday.

"The nexus of tyrants and terror, of terrorists and weapons of mass terror, is the greatest danger of our age," Powell told business and political leaders ahead of Monday's report to the U.N. Security Council by the heads of the U.N. weapons inspection program.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Bush's chief of staff said he thinks there is a relationship between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and terrorism.

"The important thing is that Saddam Hussein does have weapons of mass destruction, he has not complied with the wishes of the world to rid his country of them, and we have to make sure he doesn't have them so they don't get into the hands of terrorists," Andrew Card told "Fox News Sunday."

Powell said he believed the inspections

had run their course, although he did not explicitly call for their end. He said that as a result of Iraq's lack of cooperation, he had lost faith in the ability of inspectors to fulfill their mission.

Iraq says it has no such weapons and that it is cooperating fully with inspectors hunting for evidence of chemical, nuclear and biological arms programs in the country since November.

A newspaper owned by Saddam's elder son threatened Sunday that American and British troops would return home in "plastic bags" should they invade Iraq.

Powell observed some countries believe the inspection process should continue as a means of building more public support for the Bush administration's policies.

"To those who say, 'Why not give the inspections process more time?', I ask: How much more time does Iraq need? ... It is not a matter of time, it is a matter of telling the truth, and Saddam still responds with evasion and lies," Powell said.

"Saddam should tell the truth — now!" Powell said.

Powell said intelligence help for the inspectors from the United States and other countries can take the inspectors only so far.

"Without Iraq's full and active cooperation, the 100 or so inspectors would have to look under every root and search the back of every truck in a country the size of California to find the munitions and programs for which Iraq has failed to account," Powell said.

The secretary, however, indicated that war against Iraq is not imminent.

"We will work through these issues patiently and deliberately with our friends and allies," Powell said. "These are serious matters before us. Let the Iraqi regime have no doubt, however. If it does not disarm peacefully at this juncture, it will be disarmed at the end of the road."

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, who has urged the United States to allow the inspectors to do their work, welcomed Powell's speech.

"The fact that he said that we will have to consider the report and see what to do in the days and months ahead — this was also assuring that we haven't yet reached the point of no return," he said.

Why the U.S. is focusing more on Iraq than N. Korea

BY JESSICA WEHRMAN

Scripts Howard News Service

When President Bush makes his State of the Union speech Tuesday, part of his mission will likely be to explain to the American public why the nation is focusing heavily on Iraq rather than North Korea.

A look at the U.S. strategy:

Q: How threatening are these two countries?

A: While Iraq has used chemical weapons against its own people, it is not believed to have nuclear materials. North Korea on the other hand, has fissile material — an ingredient used in nuclear bombs.

North Korea's military is stronger than Iraq's, making it even more frightening.

Still, in a speech before the Reserve Officers Association recently, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld called Iraq "unique."

"In both word and deed Iraq has demonstrated that it is seeking the means to strike the

U.S., our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction for a reason: so that it can acquire the territory of its neighbors," he said. "North Korea, by contrast, is a country teetering on the verge of collapse. Its history has been one of using its weapons programs to blackmail the West into helping stave off an economic disaster. North Korea is a threat, to be sure. But it is a different kind of threat."

Q: So, what has been our reaction?

A: The Bush administration has been more willing to negotiate with North Korea. Ousting Saddam Hussein would likely be far easier, administration officials believe, than dealing with Kim Jong Il. A war in North Korea could harm potentially powerful allies such as Japan and South Korea and, to an extent Russia, and stir up trouble with potential adversaries such as China.

In Iraq, the most powerful neighboring allies are Israel and smaller nations such as Qatar — allies, still, but perhaps not as influential. And

many believe Iraq will fall quickly if attacked, said Peter Singer, an Olin Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Q: If North Korea has nuclear weapons, why aren't we focusing on Pyongyang?

A: Think of it as facing down two bullies in a playground. One's tougher and has harsh weapons. The other is wily, but can only fight with his fists. By going after the fellow with the fists, you might discourage the other bully.

Plus there's timing. Saddam has been eluding inspectors for years. Kim Jong Il only recently began eluding inspectors and making bellicose threats.

Q: What are the advantages of going after Iraq first?

A: Perhaps it could create a ripple of democracy across the Middle East. In North Korea, meanwhile, democracies already exist in neighboring countries, with the exception of China, which is unlikely to become a democracy in any case.

According to John Hulsman, a senior policy analyst

with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington, D.C. think tank, there's also an international relations benefit to going after Saddam first. "He gassed his own people, invaded Kuwait without provocation," he said.

And more is at stake economically. If Saddam were to dominate Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, he could dominate Middle Eastern oil supplies and damage the economy.

Q: What are the disadvantages of going after Iraq?

A: While it might be considered easy to oust Saddam Hussein, Singer said building a democracy is neither easy nor quick, meaning any assumption that the United States can deal quickly with Iraq before turning to North Korea is just that — an assumption.

Lindsay said it's dangerous to put off dealing with North Korea while we are focused on Iraq. Every month we don't focus on the Koreans, he said, gives them more time to develop nuclear weapons or, just as frightening, sell materials to terrorists.

Air Force looks for new ways to keep fliers alert

BY JOHN JURGENSEN
The Hartford (Conn.) Courant

Along with the beef stew and peanut butter bundled into their rations, Persian Gulf War soldiers had instant coffee to keep them going. Lacking hot water, many ripped open the packets of Taster's Choice and swallowed the dry coffee crystals.

Thousands of feet above the ground forces, where the stakes were higher, Air Force pilots were gulping amphetamine pills issued by military physicians. The "go pills" helped fliers stay alert during the long, grueling combat sorties.

More than a decade later, the strategy behind keeping soldiers awake has barely changed. Nor has it since World War II, when amphetamines were first doled out to U.S. troops.

But the trial of two Air Force pilots involved in a friendly-fire incident in Afghanistan has raised questions about the military's methods. In modern 24-hour warfare, fatigue counts as a formidable adversary, but the military is challenging it with new research.

After a nine-day military hearing, Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach face weeks or months awaiting the

hearing officer's recommendation on whether they should be court-martialed for involuntary manslaughter, aggravated battery and dereliction of duty for dropping a 500-pound bomb on Canadian troops last April, killing four and wounding eight.

Their defense has contended that the amphetamines they took during a 20-hour workday impaired their judgment. The Air Force dismisses the claim, describing the drug as a "medical tool," prescribed in small (5-milligram), controlled doses.

A majority of fighter pilots surveyed after Desert Storm said they used stimulants, and 61 percent of those who did said stimulants were essential to the missions.

Because the Army can't drop controlled substances into ration packs, caffeine will likely remain the drowsy GI's drug of choice. But for Air Force pilots, Dexedrine remains the "gold standard stimulant," according to John Caldwell, a research psychologist at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. "Any new alertness-enhancing compound must be compared to dextro-amphetamine to ensure that the new product is better and not just different."

Modafinil, a drug designed to help narcoleptics stay

awake, has offered the most promise. Though its workings remain mysterious, modafinil causes wakefulness with little disruption of sleep architecture, unlike amphetamines.

"Modafinil doesn't really come with a sleep debt," said Steven Shea, an associate director of the sleep-disorders program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "If you use amphetamines to stay vigilant, the next night your sleep would be a lot deeper and longer. With modafinil, it would be pretty normal. It's as if you're stealing from your sleep bank, but there's no consequence."

Looking for other creative ways to overcome the limits of biology, the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has sponsored studies investigating the brain chemistry of sleepless migrating birds and the effects of magnetic fields on neurons.

But at the Soldier Center of Excellence in Natick, Mass., researchers are working with well-known substances to power up everyday rations.

The trick, said senior food technologist Jack Briggs, is making them taste good while achieving the required shelf life.

"We need to ensure that after three years, what we want to deliver is still there."

Group seeks review of 'don't ask, don't tell'

Chicago Tribune

MONTEREY, Calif. — This is where the U.S. military sends its best and brightest linguists, the chosen few who spend more than a year along one of the most beautiful patches of California coastline, honing skills essential to the government's war on terror.

Army Spec. 4 Alastair Gamble arrived in January 2001 to study Arabic at the Defense Language Institute, where all branches of the U.S. armed forces train. Seven months later — about halfway through his 64-week course — Gamble was dismissed from school and discharged from the Army after he was caught in bed with his boyfriend, a fellow student, during a 3:30 a.m. surprise inspection.

While Gamble admits he was in clear violation of Army regulations on homosexuality and regrets what he calls a "stupid" decision, the heterosexual couples caught the same night were not discharged, and were only lightly punished.

On Thursday, a national human rights group issued a stinging critique of the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gays and lesbians, arguing that it violates human rights and deprives the military of skilled personnel.

Beyond that, Human Rights Watch charged in its report that most NATO countries and many other American allies have integrated their militaries with homosexuals without impairing unit cohesiveness and military effectiveness.

In the past two years, nine linguists — six of them Arabic speakers, two Korean and one Chinese — have been dismissed from the Monterey language institute and discharged because they violated military policy regarding gays and lesbians.

Deploying Patriots

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain, a key U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf, has announced it is deploying Patriot missile batteries to counter any possible long-range missile threats, newspapers reported Sunday.

The announcement to deploy Patriots, one of world's few workable defenses against surface-to-surface guided missiles, came during a visit Saturday by the king, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the kingdom's Royal Field Artillery Unit, several pro-government newspapers reported Sunday.

Kuwait: Saddam must go

CAIRO, Egypt — Kuwait wants President

Saddam Hussein to step down so war can be averted in neighboring Iraq, Kuwait's top diplomat said in comments reported Sunday.

Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, U.S.-ally Kuwait's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, also believes an American-led military strike on Iraq is "inevitable," but hopes "a change will spare Iraqi people the evil of a military attack."

Sabah's comments were published in the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat and come as the United States and Britain deploy thousands of forces to Kuwait ahead of a possible war to topple Saddam and his regime over U.S.-British claims Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. Baghdad denies it has such weapons.

From wire reports

Child-care fees on rise

Navy escapes increases averaging \$2-\$6 a week

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Parents will have to pay more to keep their kids at most military child-care facilities in Europe this year.

Fee increases vary from service to service and by installation. But generally, parents will pay between \$2 and \$6 a week more than they did in 2002 for full-time child care. Fees for certain other school-age programs also are going up.

The exception to the fee hike in Europe is the Navy, which won't increase its fees this year, U.S. Navy Europe, spokesman Lt. Terence Dudley said Friday.

Changes for the other services take effect in February or March.

The Department of Defense reviews child-care fees each year and determines acceptable fee ranges. In November, the DOD released a new schedule of fees and family income categories.

The individual military branches then use those figures to set the weekly fees in their child development and school age programs. Fees generally cover a portion of the cost of child-care programs, while appropriated funds make up the difference.

Within USAREUR, fee changes were made across the board for all of the command's 54 child development centers. By contrast, commanders at each U.S. Air Forces in Europe base select-

No waiver needed for long days

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Parents working longer hours as the military prepares for potential war in Iraq are getting a break at Kaiserslautern area child development centers.

The 86th Mission Support Group commander has approved a blanket waiver to the 10-hour rule for all single parents and dual military families using the programs.

Under old rules, parents leaving their children at CDCs for more than 10 hours a day had to pay an additional fee and seek an individual waiver through their commander and first sergeant, said Eileen Henderson, who manages seven child-care centers at Vogelweh Air Station and Ramstein and Sembach air bases.

Because of the increased operations tempo, those waivers no longer will be necessary. In addition, the cost of additional hours of care also has decreased.

ed a fee within the range that best applied to the needs of their patrons.

For example, full day care at USAREUR CDCs for parents in category 1 is \$190 a month, or \$47.50 a week. That's an increase of about \$2 a week from last year.

For parents in the same category who place their children in full-time Air Force CDCs in the Kaiserslautern area, the cost is \$51 a week — up from \$49 a week last year,

Airmen in income Categories 1-3 will be charged 50 cents an hour in addition to their weekly fees for the extra 1.5 hours a day. Airmen in Categories 4-6 will pay \$1 an hour for the extra 1.5 hours a day.

"We have an up tempo right now in the world and we have a lot of people working 10-11 hours a day," Henderson said. "We were being flooded with a lot of 10-hour waivers."

One of those benefiting from the change is Master Sgt. Valise Godley, who has two children in Ramstein child-care programs.

Godley, whose husband Master Sgt. Ronnie Godley is deployed, said the waiver change has helped ease the burden of her increased work load. She supervises 40 airmen in the 786th Communication Squadron, and 12 of those airmen are deployed.

"This was the best improvement that they made to the CDC program that I've ever seen," Godley said. "It just relieves so much stress."

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said Eileen Henderson, who manages seven Air Force child development programs in the Kaiserslautern military community.

Navy fees for Category 1 remain the same at \$45.50 a week, according to a Navy Web site.

The changes in the Army Child and Youth Services fees will take effect in March. Changes at USAFE CDCs take effect Feb. 1.

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Hydroxycut back

Four months after being removed from base exchange stores, the weight loss supplement Hydroxycut is back on shelves.

But the product now offered does not contain the harmful ingredient that prompted the product to be removed last fall.

AAFES pulled supplements containing ephedra from its stores, and concession stores such as GNC in the States and at some overseas bases. Those products included Hydroxycut, Metabolift, Diet Fuel, Ripped Fuel and Xenadrine.

The ephedra-free Hydroxycut, according to the product's label, contains the same fat-burning supplement as the original formula.

Federal auctions

NORFOLK, Va. — Anchors and propellers. Night stands and ottoman chairs. Sweat shirts and insignia patches — they're all on sale online.

The warehouse behind the Navy Lodge off Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk is the military's answer to eBay. Every month, the 25 civilians who work there dispose of 1,500 lots of government surplus gear.

The warehouse is one of more than 50 around the country owned by Government Liquidation LLC, which has exclusive rights to sell the Defense Department's surplus items.

Norfolk, the busiest site in the chain, accounts for 15 percent of revenues that reached \$45 million last year, said Hunter Hoffman, a company spokesman. The profits are split with the government.

David Gibson, who runs the facility, said anything that isn't lethal can end up on the metal racks or in boxes on the floor of the warehouse. Big sellers include ammo crates, anchors, forklifts, exercise machines, projection televisions and boats, he said.

"It's amazing how many people there are out there who are interested," Gibson said.

<http://www.govliquidation.com>
From staff and wire reports

F-16 pilot at fault for collision

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A deadly midair collision between an F-16 and a small civilian plane two years ago was the fault of an Air Force pilot whose plane was not involved, federal investigators said.

The Nov. 16, 2000 crash occurred because Lt. Col. James Parker failed to watch what was going on around him as he searched for the practice bombing range at Avon Park near Bradenton. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded in a report released Friday.

Parker was piloting one of two F-16 Fighting Falcons in the area on a training mission from Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

Parker's wingman, Capt. Greg Kreuder, was looking up and to his right to follow his commander and never saw the four-seat Cessna 172 before he slammed into it.

Jacques Olivier, the 57-year-old pilot of the private plane, was killed instantly.

Kreuder ejected from his crippled fighter and was uninjured. The jet crashed and burned in a wooded area.

The NTSB's conclusions differ from the judgment of Air Force investigators, who released their findings four months after the accident.

Paratrooper killed in training exercise

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — A Fort Bragg paratrooper killed during a training jump from a helicopter was identified Sunday as a counterintelligence specialist from Ohio.

Pfc. Ronald M. Jenkins Jr., 29, was found unconscious on the drop zone Saturday morning after jumping from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

The cause of his death was under investigation Sunday. Observers spotted no malfunction of the main parachute or release of the reserve parachute during Jenkins's jump, the post said in a prepared statement.

Jenkins of Hillsboro, Ohio, was attached to the 310th Military Intelligence Battalion of the 525th Military Intelligence Brigade based here. He entered the Army in November 2001 and had been at Fort Bragg since July.

Waddles criticizes Navy in new book

HONOLULU — The skipper of the U.S. nuclear submarine that collided with a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii two years ago, killing nine people, has recounted the tragedy in a book being released next week.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle's "The Right Thing" is scheduled for release on Tuesday, nearly two years after the USS Greeneville collided with the Japanese training vessel Ehime Maru on Feb. 9, 2001.

Five men and four teenage boys on the Ehime Maru were killed in the Navy's worst civilian accident since World War II.

Waddle was reprimanded by a U.S. military court of inquiry but he was allowed to retire at full rank and pension, raising criticism in Japan that he got off lightly.

The former skipper has been mostly silent about the accident. In his new book, he says he's trying to give a candid account of the event, complete with criticism of both himself and the Navy.

He also laments his fall from the ranks of Navy leadership.

"I walked out the door on Oct. 1 as though I was simply leaving for the day," he writes of his last day on the job. "After 24 years in the Navy, it was over, just like that."

Waddle says the Navy handled the tragedy inappropriately and charges that he was wrongly ordered to repay bonuses and incentives to the military.

The book, in which Waddle also writes about the tragedy as a spiritual experience, is being published by Integrity Publishing, a Nashville-based Christian book company. It was co-authored by Ken Abraham.

From The Associated Press

Bush to push incentive pay plan

BY JIM ABRAMS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, intent on breaking with the current seniority system, will initiate an incentive pay plan where high-performing and specially skilled federal workers are eligible for raises.

"Most Americans recognize that the current pay system for the federal work force is broken," said Kay Coles James, director of the Office of Personnel Management, in outlining the new plan.

Rewarding performance "is extraordinarily good news for the hardworking federal employee."

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the House's second-ranked Democrat, said the plan was "totally unacceptable" and would face strong opposition in Congress.

James and Mark Everson, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, told reporters that Bush, in his proposal for the 2004 budget year coming out next month, will ask for a 2 percent pay raise for all 1.8 million civilian federal workers.

On top of that, they said, he will ask Congress to approve \$500 million for a "human capital performance fund," to be prorated to government agencies, to boost the base pay of the best workers.

The president's plan also would try to make federal workplaces more competitive with the private sector by increasing the pay cap for the 7,000 high-level officials of the Senior Executive Service from the current \$142,500 to \$154,700. Pay grades within that service, which now start at \$100,000, would be eliminated.

After a \$4,000 raise this year, senators and representatives earn \$154,700 a year.

Everson, nominated by Bush as the next commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, said Bush is determined to make the federal work force more accountable. "The federal pay system has been in a time warp for over 50 years," he said. "The president is committed to fixing it."

Under the proposal, James' OPM would oversee plans submitted by the agencies on how they will reward high-performing or critical workers.

Bobby Harnage Sr., president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said his group, the largest federal employees union, would oppose the plan strongly. "In order to give one employee a little more money, you must take it away from others," he said. Harnage recommended that Bush offer a 2.7 percent raise to everyone instead of a 2 percent raise with a "slush fund" for chosen workers.

Hoyer agreed. He said he was not against enhancement pay but saw the Bush plan as a ruse for underpaying federal workers and ignoring directives on civil servant pay keeping pace with private sector and military pay.

Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., the new chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, thinks the Bush plan is dynamite, said his spokesman, David Marin. Davis, whose northern Virginia district includes many federal workers, "is intent on creating a culture of achievement in the civil service" and believes the president's proposal "is a significant step in the right direction," Marin said.

Woman still missing as due date approaches

BY JIM WASSERMAN

The Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. — In her typical American hometown, she was the girl next door, the high school cheerleader and softball player who went off to college and returned years later in a storybook romance and marriage.

Now Laci Rocha Peterson, 27, is that familiar expectant mother and extrovert who smiles from thousands of fliers, posters and television screens around the world.

More than a month after the substitute school teacher's Christmas Eve disappearance, a multitude of bizarre twists have fueled relentless speculation and innuendo inside a superheated media frenzy.

But none — including Friday's surprise appearance of a woman alleging she had an affair with Laci Peterson's husband, Scott — have produced answers or arrests.

For family, friends and a police department that has already spent more than \$100,000 on overtime pay to search and investigate, January is proving unluckily and cruel. Meanwhile an emotionally charged date is approaching: the Feb. 10

due date for Laci Peterson's baby boy — already given the name Conner.

"I miss listening to the excitement in her voice when she talks to me about her baby," said Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha.

Rocha begged for an anonymous tip to police and for Scott Peterson to tell investigators everything he knows.

"There are no words that can possibly describe the ache in my heart or the emptiness in my life," she said.

Laci Peterson vanished hours before she had planned to spend Christmas Eve with her husband and family members in Modesto. Scott Peterson, 30, told police he last saw her about 9:30 a.m. when he left to go fishing for the day at Berkeley Marina. He said she was taking the family dog, McKenzie, for a walk at nearby La Loma Park.

Laci Peterson's relatives publicly withdrew their support for her husband Friday. Hours later, Amber Frey stood shaken before dozens of cameras and reporters to confess to having a "romantic relationship" with the man, whom she met in November.

Scott Peterson has denied having an affair.

13 Palestinians killed in attack

Weapons factories targeted

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops targeting small weapons factories moved deep into Gaza City early Sunday, killing 12 local gunmen in exchanges of fire and wounding 67 Palestinians in a large-scale assault just two days before Israel's general election.

Also on Sunday, a 7-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and his 6-year-old brother was wounded by army fire while playing near a military outpost on the outskirts of the Rafah refugee camp in southern Gaza, relatives said. The military said no forces were in the area at the time, but that it would continue to look into the incident.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz revealed he is not ruling out a reoccupation of the entire Gaza Strip, home to more than 1 million Palestinians.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the creation of a "democratic, viable" Palestinian state is possible in 2005 if the Palestinians "clamp down on terrorism." But he said Israel must stop building settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"A Palestinian state, when it's created, must be a real state, not a phony state that's diced into a thousand different pieces," Powell said in an address at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The Palestinians accused Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of ordering the raid — the deepest into Gaza City in more than two years of fighting — to win more votes.

They said only seven of about 130 shops and businesses destroyed in the raid were metal workshops. The military said troops destroyed more than 100 lathes used for making weapons and several rockets and anti-tank missiles were discovered.

The military said it was completely sealing the West Bank and Gaza Strip for three days to prevent Palestinian militants from sabotaging Tuesday's election. Stringent travel bans have been enforced since the outbreak of fighting in September 2000, and the new restrictions, to take effect Sunday, mean all Palestinians are confined to their towns and unable to enter Israel.

The Gaza City raid began shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, and ended Sunday morning. After Israeli troops withdrew, about 30,000 Palestinians joined the funeral procession for the 12 gunmen killed in the fighting — the highest death toll in Gaza in five months.

Worm clogs the Internet

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A fast-spreading, virus-like infection dramatically slowed Internet traffic Saturday, overwhelming the world's digital pipelines and interfering with Web browsing and e-mail delivery.

Sites monitoring the health of the Internet reported detecting at least 39,000 infected computers, which transmitted floods of spurious signals disrupting hundreds of thousands of other systems worldwide.

"Everything is starting to come back online," said Bill Murray, a spokesman for the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center. "We know what the issue was and how to mitigate it, and we're just imploring systems administrators to apply the patches that will prevent this from propagating again."

Bank of America Corp., one of the nation's largest banks, said many customers could not withdraw money from its 13,000 ATM machines because of technical problems caused by the attack. Customers of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto also were unable to withdraw money Saturday, said Rick

Broadhead, a technology analyst who was among those unable to get to his cash.

Millions of Internet users in South Korea were stranded; service was restored but remained slow. Problems also were reported with Finnish telephone service and Japanese Internet connections.

The virus-like attack sought out vulnerable computers on the Internet to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called "SQL Server 2000." The attacking software was scanning for victim computers so randomly and so aggressively, sending out thousands of probes a second, that it saturated many Internet data pipelines.

Most home users did not need to take any protective measures.

The FBI was searching for the origin of the attack, which experts variously dubbed "sapphire," "slammer" or "SQL hell."

The attack sought to exploit a software flaw discovered by researchers in July 2002 that permits hackers to seize control of corporate database servers. Microsoft deemed the flaw to be critical and offered a free repairing patch, but it was impossible to know how many computer administrators applied the fix.

Broadcast boot camp

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are times when Eason Jordan, CNN's chief of newsgathering logistics, can relate to the generals preparing for a possible war in Iraq.

He's already sent hundreds of "troops" to combat school; he commands the movements of eight armored vehicles and controls enough electronic equipment to suck up a power plant's worth of energy.

For months, the broadcast and cable news networks have been readying themselves for a conflict that may, or may not, take place.

CNN, expected to send more journalists into the region than any other American network, has budgeted a reported \$35 million for war coverage.

On executives' minds: Daniel Pearl; the experiences of Sept. 11, 2001; a new generation of technology; and a potential thawing of television news' relationship with the Pentagon.

Combat school is a new wrinkle for many news organizations.

Training programs are run by former military personnel to teach journalists how to

Journalists get basic training on war

avoid dangerous situations and protect against chemical attack.

"It's important because of the unknowns in this particular war," said Marcy McGinnis, senior vice president of news coverage at CBS. "One is the Daniel Pearl issue — one of the training bits they address is the issue of being kidnapped and how you deal with being a hostage."

Pearl, a former Wall Street Journal reporter, was abducted and killed a year ago in Pakistan while researching a story on Islamic militancy.

CBS has sent about 70 people through the training; CNN about 450. ABC and NBC staff members also have gone through these programs.

Viewers can expect wall-to-wall news coverage on CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC when war breaks out. The cable networks already air regular programs in anticipation of a conflict.

McGinnis said she expected CBS to air nonstop coverage for 24 to 72 hours if war breaks out. The network's plans — a lot of live reports during the day from the war zone and lengthier ones to offer perspective in prime time — recall the pattern

used in the four days of commercial-free coverage after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"How the war is conducted will define the extent of coverage, but I think it's fair to say that at the outbreak of hostilities, the commercial networks will go on the air and stay on the air for quite some time," said Bill Wheatley, vice president of NBC News.

Since the Persian Gulf War, broadcast satellite uplinks have become smaller and easier to move. The video-phone is now a common television tool; a reporter can go on the air from virtually anywhere.

"Broadcast equipment is lighter and more mobile and that allows you to move around and broadcast more from the region," said Chuck Lustig, in charge of war planning at ABC News. "It takes less people to operate them, which allows you to use less people to cover things."

And unlike the Gulf War or the war on terrorism, news organizations are expecting a chance to see more of the action.

Several of the news executives say they sense more cooperation from the Pentagon than in recent conflicts. They

expect journalists to accompany military personnel on missions, with the understanding that nothing will be revealed that could put people in danger.

That would be historic; relations between the press and the military have been frayed since the Vietnam War. Jordan said he's talked to many field commanders who were frustrated that many of the good things they did during the Gulf War didn't get covered because journalists weren't there to independently verify.

"I think they realize that perhaps they made a mistake in keeping us away from everything," McGinnis said.

Former CNN anchorman Bernard Shaw said he was troubled by the idea of journalists allowing themselves to be taken under the wing of the U.S. military.

"I think journalists that agree to go with combat units effectively become hostages of the military, which can control the movements of the journalists but, more importantly, control their ability when they file their stories," Shaw said in a return appearance on CNN last week.

The military also should not be concerned about the journalists' safety, he said. "That's not their mission."

Billy Joel injured in car crash

Singer Billy Joel was released from a hospital Sunday morning, one day after his car swerved off a road and struck a tree on Long Island, police said.

The accident occurred around 10:30 p.m. Saturday in Sag Harbor, when Joel lost control of his Mercedes Benz, swerved off the road and struck a tree, said Police Chief Thomas Fabiano.

Joel was taken by ambulance to East Hampton Airport and then airlifted to Stony Brook University Hospital, police said. It was not immediately clear whether alcohol was involved, police said. There were no passengers in the car, Fabiano said.

Joel's award-winning career has spanned more than 30 years. Last summer, Joel was released from a Connecticut substance and psychiatric hospital, which he entered voluntarily.

Faces 'n' places

Bjork fans strike back

Bjork fans gave police in San Diego a hand in tracking down a man who allegedly cheated them out of a concert by the Icelandic singer.

Alejo Conate was found on the Hawaiian island of Oahu and will be returned to San Diego, authorities said.

Conate is suspected of using bogus e-mails from Bjork to dupe a promoter into booking her at a San Diego nightclub, then selling tickets to the bogus club date. About 400 people bought tickets at \$40 apiece.

The promoter posted Conate's photograph on the Internet and urged anyone who had seen Conate to contact the Web site or the nightclub.

Authorities said Conate was in Hawaii, allegedly boasting of concert promotions in California. Word got back to the music promoter, who called San Diego police.

Senator Springer?

Talk show host Jerry Springer has a secret of his own to share: He's considering running for the U.S. Senate next year.

Springer, a Democrat, said he'll decide by summer whether to challenge George Voinovich, an Ohio Republican who has said he'll run for a second term in 2004.

He acknowledged that his nationally syndicated "Jerry Springer Show" could work against him.

From The Associated Press

Agassi's 8th slam win among easiest

BY PHIL BROWN

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi just keeps getting better with age.

The 32-year-old Agassi overwhelmed Rainer Schuettler right from the start and breezed to his fourth Australian Open title 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 Sunday, becoming the oldest man to win a Grand Slam singles crown in 31 years.

"There's not a single day that's guaranteed or promised to us, and certainly days like this are very rare," Agassi said.

Agassi won his eighth Grand Slam championship. And the victory might also have been enough to lure his wife, Steffi Graf, out of retirement.

Agassi had said earlier that if he won this tournament, Graf would be his partner for mixed doubles in the French Open. After the final point, Agassi gave a quick wink into the stands at Graf, who won 22 Grand Slam singles titles before she stopped playing three years ago.

"There's one positive thing: I think everyone's looking forward to the French Open," Schuettler said, drawing laughs from Agassi, Graf and the fans.

Agassi was the oldest man to win a Grand Slam singles title since Ken Rosewall won the Australian Open in 1972 at 37.

"You never know when it's your last, but I'll never forget being here," Agassi told the crowd at the trophy ceremony. "I'll never forget playing for you. I'll never forget the love and support here. I feel like I'm half Australian."

Later, he said that trying to get back to No. 1 might be too much of a grind, but "the year is a complete success for me now. I'm over the moon with it."

It was a mismatch from the beginning.

Agassi sent back Schuettler's first serve back so hard that the German player could only push it long.

Agassi won the first eight points of the match. When Schuettler finally won a point to start the third game, he raised his hands in mock triumph.

"My game is built around controlling the points. The stakes are high immediately in my own mind," Agassi said. "I feel like whatever I do in the first game should be a reflection of what I do in the rest of the match."

"I do get nervous," he added. "What I do is focus on the simplicity of it —

move my feet, see the ball, strike the ball."

Agassi now has won the Australian Open four of the seven times he has entered. He also had won in 1995, 2000 and 2001, but injured his wrist on the eve of last year's Australian.

The second-seeded Agassi was in complete control throughout the match, finishing off the 31st-seeded Schuettler in one hour, 16 minutes.

Agassi matched the most-lopsided victory ever at the Australian Open. By losing only five games, he tied the mark last done in 1926 when John Hawkes defeated Jim Willard 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

Overall, it was the most-lopsided Grand Slam men's final since John McEnroe lost just four games to Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon in 1984.

"There's not a lot to say," Schuettler said. "I tried my best, but he was simply too good for me today."

To go with his Australian wins, Agassi has won two U.S. Open titles and once each at Wimbledon and the French Open. He's also lost six Grand Slam finals.

His eight Grand Slam titles tie him at sixth with Rosewall, Connors, Ivan Lendl and Fred Perry.

Agassi also is the fourth man to win at least four Australian titles. Roy Emerson had six, and Rosewall and Jack Crawford four each.

In extending his winning streak at this tournament to 21 matches, he lost only 48 games in seven matches this time.

Agassi collected \$654,000 for winning, bringing his career tournament winnings past \$26.3 million.

Schuettler collected \$327,000 to add to his previous total of \$2.3 million.

The 26-year-old Schuettler never had reached even a Grand Slam quarterfinal before this year. His best previous record was reaching the Australian fourth round in 2001.

"For me, it's a dream. It's great to play a final in a Grand Slam," Schuettler said.

For Agassi, he added, "it was a normal result. I think I played a great tournament, played a great two weeks."

Schuettler said he was not sure whether Agassi had raised his game to a new level.

But, he said, "he is definitely one of the best players ever. [Pete] Sampras holds the record still. ... I don't know who is the greatest player ever, certainly they're both great players."

NFL Commissioner: Overtime to be overhauled

SAN DIEGO — NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue predicted the league will abandon its current sudden-death overtime format for a new one next season, with each team getting at least one possession in the extra session.

Tagliabue's remarks Friday came a day after NFL Players Association Director Gene Upshaw suggested the league overturn its current format because it favors the team that receives the opening kickoff in overtime.

There were a record 25 overtime games during the regular season, and 10 of them (40 percent) were decided on the first possession. The only overtime game during the playoffs also was decided on the first possession.

In the nine seasons since kickoffs were moved back to the 30-yard line, an increasing percentage of teams that received the ball first in overtime won the game on the first series.

The matter will be taken up by the NFL's competition committee and any new system would be voted on at the league's March meetings in Phoenix.

Several systems will be considered, but the one that is likely to have the most merit is to give each team one possession. If one team scores and the other team doesn't on the first possession, then the team that scored would be declared the winner. If the score is still tied after one possession, then a sudden-death format would occur, and the team that scores next would win.

McLaren signs with San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks agreed to terms with Kyle McLaren on Saturday, two days after acquiring the defenseman in a three-way trade with Boston and Montreal.

Terms of the deal were not available. McLaren has not played this season after holding out with the Bruins. He was drafted by Boston in the first round in 1995 and was selected to the NHL all-rookie team the following season.

Plagued by injuries, McLaren has missed 141 games in seven seasons.

"I'm glad to be here in San Jose, where I hope to get a fresh start," McLaren said Friday. "I feel great. I have no problems."

McLaren could join the Sharks for their game in Los Angeles on Monday night.

Panthers' losses total \$64.7M

SUNRISE, Fla. — The parent company of the Florida Panthers lost \$64.7 million last year, according to financial audit documents, but team officials say the NHL franchise is on sound financial ground.

Although team officials downplayed the situation, the Panthers are close to finalizing a \$30 million loan to help cover operating losses.

Astros make room for Biggio by trading Ward to Dodgers

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros traded outfielder

Sports in brief

Daryle Ward to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday, clearing room for Craig Biggio to move from second base to center field.

Ward, a 27-year-old left-hander who failed to live up to his power-hitting potential, was traded for right-handed minor-league pitcher Ruddy Lugo.

Ward hit .276 last season for the Astros, with just 12 home runs and 72 RBIs. He also had limited fielding range, but the Dodgers praised his versatility.

Biggio is changing positions to make way for free agent second baseman Jeff Kent, who signed an \$18.2 million, two-year contract with Houston last month after turning down a three-year deal from the San Francisco Giants.

Paerson races to slalom win

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Sweden's Anja Paerson dodged snowballs thrown by unruly fans to win a slalom race Sunday for her third straight World Cup victory.

Paerson, the defending world champion and winner of a second straight giant slalom Saturday, maintained her first-run lead and won with a combined time of 1 minute, 38.98 seconds.

Olympic slalom champion Janica Kostelic was treated for dehydration early in the day and finished second in 1:39.16, clinching the season's slalom title.

Palander posts first World Cup victory for Finland

KITZBUEHEL, Austria — Kalle Palander won a men's slalom Sunday, becoming the first Finnish man to win a World Cup race.

Palander, the 1999 world slalom champion, had a two-run time of 1 minute, 41.75 seconds on the Ganslern course.

Bode Miller had a disastrous run, falling onto his hip before bouncing up, and then straddling a gate lower on the course. Miller finished 5.07 seconds behind the winner.

U.S. women's team tripped up

SHANGHAI, China — Tiffany Milbrett and Heather O'Reilly were unable to spark a second-half rally and the United States lost to China 2-0 Sunday in the Four Nations Tournament.

Germany tied Olympic champion Norway 2-2 in the day's other game. The tournament features the world's top four women's soccer teams.

Mitchell KO's Vilches

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Junior welterweight Sharmba Mitchell posted a fourth-round knockout over Argentina's Carlos Vilches in an IBF elimination bout Saturday night.

The win moved Mitchell (51-3, 30 KOs) into the IBF's vacant No. 2 spot and put him into position for a possible challenge to undisputed champion Kostya Tszyu.

Ruffin MVP of Gridiron Classic

ORLANDO, Fla. — Cincinnati's Jonathan Ruffin kicked a Gridiron Classic-record 49-yard field goal with 13 seconds left Saturday to give Team USA a 20-17 win over Team Florida.

Ruffin, who was chosen the game's most valuable player, beat the old mark of 39 yards set by West Virginia's Jay Taylor in 2000.

Welterweight champ Forrest upset by unheralded Mayorga

PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION, Calif. — Ricardo Mayorga kept throwing big shots until one landed. When it did, Vernon Forrest was no longer undefeated and no longer a champion.

Mayorga dropped Forrest with a vicious right hand in the third round Saturday night of a welterweight brawl to add Forrest's WBC 147-pound title to the WBA title he already owned.

It was the second straight upset win for Mayorga, a free-spirited and big punching Nicaraguan who wasn't afraid to trade punches with Forrest and finally landed a big one.

Mayorga was a 6-1 underdog, but the fight turned into a punching contest where he had his best chance after Forrest went to the canvas for the first time on a disputed knockdown late in the first round.

Forrest appeared angry after the knockdown, which appeared to be more of a slip, and began trading wild punches with Mayorga in the second and third rounds.

It turned out to be a big mistake as Mayorga landed a right hand midway through the third round that dropped Forrest into the ropes.

Forrest (35-1) held onto the ropes to keep from going down completely, but he was out on his feet when he got up and referee Marty Denkin waved the fight to a close at 2:06 of the third round.

Punch stats showed how furious the fight was. In less than three rounds, the two fighters combined for 333 punches, with Forrest getting credit for landing 57 and Mayorga 45.

In an entertaining undercard fight, former 130-pound champion Joel Casamayor (29-1) took a unanimous 10-round decision over previously unbeaten Nate Campbell (23-1) in a junior lightweight fight.

Els collapses, loses to self-taught golfer

SINGAPORE — Ernie Els lost the lead with a bogey on the last hole, and China's Zhang Lian-Wei made a 3-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to win the Singapore Masters on Sunday.

Els, coming off consecutive PGA Tour victories in Hawaii and a win at last year's season-ending Nedbank Challenge in South Africa, had three bogeys on the back nine in a round of 1-over 73 and finished at 9-under 279 at Laguna National Golf and Country Club.

Zhang, a self-taught golfer, shot a 2-under 70 for a 10-under 278 total and the biggest win of his career.

In eight years on the Asian PGA and Japan Tours, Zhang has won \$785,486. In contrast, Els has earned \$3.81 million from his last three tournaments.

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Allen, Stram join football Hall of Fame

Ex-Raiders running back elected on first ballot

BY HAL BOCK

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Marcus Allen has no hard feelings. Not now.

Getting elected the Pro Football Hall of Fame on his first try helped him forget some of his bitterness for the Raiders.

"Today's a great day, the greatest day of my athletic career," Allen said Saturday after he and four others were selected for the game's highest honor — on the day before his old team plays in the Super Bowl against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Joining the former Raiders running back in the Class of 2003 are defensive end Elvin Bethea, guard Joe DeLamielleure, wide receiver James Lofton and coach Hank Stram, who went in as a seniors candidate.

Allen's departure from the Raiders and owner Al Davis a decade ago was a messy affair, one he preferred not to discuss Saturday.

"I don't want to get into anything negative," he said. "This is the most positive day of my career. I wish the Raiders the best. I wish Mr. Davis the best in his quest of another championship."

Allen played a crucial role in the Raiders' last title, when he won the MVP award in the 1984 Super Bowl. He ran for 191 yards that day, including a spectacular 74-yard touchdown. In 1985, he won the league's MVP after rushing for 1,759 yards.

But a contract dispute with Davis, who called Allen "a cancer on the team," prompted him to leave for

Kansas City. He spent four more productive seasons with the Chiefs before retiring after the 1997 season.

"I had a problem with one individual, which made my stay uncomfortable," Allen said of his years with the Raiders and Davis.

Allen said he thought he had Hall of Fame potential right from the start of his career. The Heisman Trophy winner from USC faced San Francisco in his first game.

"I gained 116 yards," he said. "I don't know how many catches I made. I did some incredible things out there, Ronnie Lott's my best friend. I gave him fits that day."

It was the start of a brilliant career. Allen became the first player in NFL history with 10,000 yards rushing and 5,000 receiving; he finished with 12,243 rushing and 5,411 receiving. He scored 145 touchdowns and was regarded as one of the game's best goal-line and short yardage runners.

"If you ask me if I was deserving [the Hall of Fame], I would say 'Yes,'" Allen said.

The voters agreed, making Allen the 52nd player elected to the Hall in his first year of eligibility.

Bethea played 16 seasons, all with the Houston Oilers. He made the Pro Bowl eight times and led the team in sacks six times, finishing his career with 105.

"I'm very nervous," he said by phone from Houston. "I took two showers waiting for this call. It's been a long ride, a wonderful ride. Finally, it's a great day."

DeLamielleure played 13 seasons with Buffalo and Cleveland and was the lead blocker for Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson, who became the NFL's first 2,000-yard rusher in 1973.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said. "It's been 13 years. I'm

a lineman. Nobody knows your statistics. Nobody knows anything. I was a piece of a cog that was pretty good. I loved the game. I would have played for a cap and T-shirt."

Lofton played 16 seasons at wide receiver and had more than 50 catches in a season nine times. He was the first NFL player to score a touchdown in three different decades and finished his career with 764 catches for 14,004 yards and 75 touchdowns.

Stram coached for 17 seasons, starting with the AFL's Dallas Texans, who moved to Kansas City. He was with the franchise from 1960-74 and then coached in New Orleans for two more seasons. He led the Chiefs to two Super Bowls, losing the first one to Green Bay and then beating Minnesota after the 1969 season.

Stram went into the Hall of Fame as a seniors candidate, a separate category for nominees who completed 70 percent of their career more than 25 years ago.

There were 15 finalists for the Hall. In the first cut, cornerback Lester Hayes, wide receiver Art Monk, quarterback Ken Stabler and owner Ralph Wilson were eliminated. The field was then cut again, with offensive linemen Gary Zimmerman and Bob Kuechenberg, linebacker Randy Gradishar and defensive end Claude Humphrey dropped from consideration.

That left seven finalists. Of that group, administrator George Young and linebacker Harry Carson failed to get the necessary 80 percent of the votes needed for election.

The 39-member selection committee consists of media representatives from the league's 32 franchises. There is one voter representing the Pro Football Hall of Fame and six at-large voters.

Bill Parcells was originally a finalist but removed himself from consideration when he signed to coach the Dallas Cowboys.

Enshrinement of the class of 2003 is scheduled for Aug. 3 at the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

No. 1 Arizona 91, No. 6 Kansas 74

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Salim Stoudamire led a 10-0 run to open the second half and No. 1 Arizona rallied from a 20-point deficit to beat No. 6 Kansas 91-74 Saturday.

Stoudamire scored a career-high 32 points for the Wildcats, who trailed 44-24 with 5:37 left in the first half.

Arizona (15-1) turned it completely around with the run over the first 3:31 of the second half, slicing a 13-point deficit to 52-49.

Keith Langford had a career-high 27 points for the Jayhawks (13-5), 11 in a 3-minute span of the first half.

The Jayhawks cut it to 76-71 on a 10-footer by Kirk Hinrich, but Stoudamire answered with a three-pointer from the corner, then hit a second straight three-pointer after Langford had made one for the Jayhawks. The Wildcats' lead went to 81-71 with 2:41 left on a free throw by Jason Gardner, who had 23 points.

Nick Collison and Hinrich each had 15 points for Kansas.

No. 2 Pittsburgh 65, Georgetown 64

PITTSBURGH — Julius Page made a free throw with .4 seconds remaining to cap the Panthers' second-half rally.

Chevy Troutman keyed the comeback by scoring all but one of his 20 points in the second half. His five con-

secutive points gave Pitt (15-1, 5-0 Big East) the lead for good at 59-56.

Mike Sweetney had 12 points, nearly 10 below his average, for the Hoyas (10-5, 2-3), who tied the game at 64 on two free throws by freshman Brandon Bowman with 3.5 seconds remaining.

Bowman and Tony Bethel each had 16 points for Georgetown.

No. 3 Duke 91, Georgia Tech 71

DURHAM, N.C. — Dahntay Jones scored 21 points and Shelden Williams added a season-high 18 as Duke avoided its first three-game ACC losing streak in seven years.

Duke (13-2, 4-2), the nation's top-ranked team last week, lost road games to Maryland and North Carolina State in a five-day span before bouncing back against the Yellow Jackets (9-7, 2-3), who lost their 13th straight to the Blue Devils and fell to 0-6 on the road this season.

No. 4 Texas 76, No. 21 Missouri 55

AUSTIN, Texas — Brandon Mouton scored 20 points and T.J. Ford sparked Texas' key second-half run as the No. 4 Longhorns pulled away.

College basketball

Ford scored six straight points in a burst that broke open a tight game, and he finished with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. Texas (13-2, 4-0 Big 12) recorded its eighth straight win to remain unbeaten at home this season.

Ricky Clemons scored 16 points to lead Missouri (11-4, 2-2), which has lost three of its past four.

Missouri had rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to pull within 52-46 on Travon Bryant's three-pointer with 9:44 to play. That's when Ford took over.

No. 7 Oklahoma 67, Baylor 54

WACO, Texas — Kevin Bookout scored a season-high 18 points and had nine rebounds and Hollis Price came up big when things got close as No. 7 Oklahoma beat Baylor for the 17th straight time.

After Baylor (9-7, 0-5) got within two, 38-36, early in the second half, Price keyed two straight baskets for Oklahoma (13-3, 4-1) and the Bears never got closer.

Price, who finished with 17 points and five assists, drove into the lane for a basket to stretch the margin. Following two missed free throws by Baylor, Price penetrated again, this time dropping a pass to Bookout for an easy

layup and a 42-36 lead with 16 minutes left.

By time Price fed Quannas White for a layup 4½ minutes later, the Sooners led 48-39 en route to building a lead that got as high as 15 points.

No. 8 Kentucky 63, No. 15 Alabama 46

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Gerald Fitch scored 16 points and Kentucky kept Alabama in a freefall, beating the Crimson Tide and ending its school-record 28-game home winning streak.

The Wildcats (15-3, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) shut down Alabama for their ninth consecutive win. It's Kentucky's longest winning streak since winning the final 13 games and the national title in 1998 and the first four games of the following season.

It was the lowest-scoring game for the Tide (12-5, 2-4) since it had 45 points against Florida in the 1987-88 season. Alabama, which shot 10-for-42 (23.8 percent), was ranked No. 1 just four weeks ago and has lost four of its past five, including three straight.

No. 9 Louisville 72, Tennessee 69

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Taquan Dean hit a key three-pointer and Kendall Darteiz made a jumper in the final minute as No. 9 Louisville rallied to win its 13th in a row.

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Els swept the PGA Tour's Hawaii events the last two weeks to become the first player since Steve Jones in 1989 to win the tour's first two tournaments of the year.

Frazar stays step ahead of field in Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — For someone who has spent his career chasing big-name players, Harrison Frazar knows how to play in front.

Frazar separated himself from his challengers with a birdie on the 17th hole Saturday, and took a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Phoenix Open. "I can't get too far ahead of myself," said Frazar,

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who has led from the start. "The names on the leaderboard behind me are pretty stout, so you know they're going to be coming after me."

Frazar weathered a dry spell on the back nine that dropped him into a four-way tie at one point. But none of his nearest pursuers could match him down the stretch.

The 31-year-old Texan finished with a 4-under-par 67 for a 54-hole score of 17-under 196.

John Huston and Tim Petrovic, Frazar's co-leader at the midpoint, were next — Huston after a 66 and Petrovic after a 68.

Both Vijay Singh, the 1995 Phoenix champion, and Retief Goosen shot 65s to pull into a three-way tie at 198 with Kirk Triplett. He had a 63.

David Toms (63), Robert Gamez (64), Steve Stricker (68) and Scott McCarron (68) were three shots off the lead.

Trevino wins Champions Skins

WAILA, Hawaii — Lee Trevino won the Champions Skins Game, holing a 10-foot birdie putt on the third extra hole to finish with six skins and \$240,000.

The 63-year-old Trevino won the event for the first time in seven starts, earning \$100,000 with his birdie on the par-4 17th.

Hale Irwin was second with \$200,000, Jack Nicklaus made \$160,000 and Arnold Palmer, the 73-year-old crowd favorite, failed to take a skin for the second straight year.

From wire reports

Thrashers 4, N.Y. Rangers 1

NEW YORK — Dany Heatley scored three goals to lead Atlanta to a 4-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday.

Heatley, who won the Calder Trophy last season as the NHL's rookie of the year, scored twice in the second period and had an empty-net goal with 37 seconds left to complete his second career hat trick.

Pasi Nurminen made 23 saves and Ilya Kovalchuk also scored as the Thrashers beat the Rangers for the third straight time, including twice this season. Atlanta also improved to 4-1-1-0 under new coach Bob Hartley.

Petr Nedved scored for the Rangers, who lost for just the second time in their past seven games (5-2-0-0). It was also New York's second straight loss at home.

Penguins 5, Blackhawks 3

PITTSBURGH — Alexei Kovalev scored three goals and rarely used Randy Robitaille added a goal and three assists as Pittsburgh broke out of a scoring slump.

Robitaille moved from the Penguins' scratched list onto their first line after playing only infrequently since late November and responded by matching his career high with four points.

Kovalev began the game tied for fourth in the NHL in scoring, but also broke out of a slump that saw him score only once in 15 games. It was his 10th career hat trick. Robitaille assisted on all three goals.

Steve McKenna also scored for Pittsburgh.

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Reese Gaines scored 22 points, Marvin Stone added 13 points and 13 rebounds and Erik Brown had 11 points for the Cardinals (14-1), who tied Oklahoma State for the longest winning streak in the country.

Tennessee (9-6), which lost to Louisville by one point last season, was in control for much of the game but couldn't hold on in the end.

The Cardinals, who trailed by as many as 12, took their first lead of the game on Dean's three-pointer with 4:14 left that capped an 18-8 run.

No. 11 Connecticut 74, Villanova 65

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rashad Anderson scored a career-high 18 points on 7-for-9 shooting to lead Connecticut.

The Huskies (12-3, 3-1) remained unbeaten at home after coming off two tough road losses. The Wildcats (12-6, 5-1) were on a five-game winning streak, averaging nearly 92 points during that run. They shot just 35 percent on Saturday.

Anderson, a freshman reserve, was 4-for-5 from three-point range. Ben Gordon added 17 points for the Huskies and Emeka Okafor had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Gary Buchanan led the Wildcats with 14 points.

No. 12 Maryland 52, Clemson 47

CLEMSON, S.C. — Drew Nicholas scored 14 points and No. 12 Maryland overcame its worst shooting performance of the season to win its 10th in a row over Clemson.

The Terps (12-4, 5-1) came in leading the Atlantic Coast Conference in three-point shooting and were second overall in field-goal percentage. However, they struggled throughout against Clemson, shooting just 19-for-56 (.339) but won for the sixth time in seven games and held on to first place in the ACC.

Maryland's sloppy performance kept Clemson (11-4, 1-4) around until the final minute. Edward Scott, who led the Tigers with 16 points, made four foul shots to get Clemson within three at 50-47 with 1:08 remaining. However, Scott missed a wide-open three-pointer that would have tied it and Steve Blake hit two foul shots to seal the win.

Purdue 69, No. 14 Indiana 47

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kenny Lowe scored 19 points, Willie Deane had 18 and Chris Booker 13 as Purdue dominated from start to finish.

The Boilermakers (12-4, 4-1 Big Ten) snapped a five-game losing streak to the Hoosiers (14-4, 4-2) and improved to 10-0 at home. It was their first win over a Top 25 team since they beat No. 9 Illinois on Jan. 9, 2002. Purdue was 1-12 in its past 13 games against ranked teams.

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Steve Sullivan, Phil Housley and Andrei Nikolishin also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won only once in Pittsburgh since 1991. They are 1-6-3 during that span.

Capitals 1, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL — Andreas Salomonsson scored his first goal of the season to lift Washington to a tie with Montreal.

Trailing 1-0 after Montreal captain Saku Koivu scored his 100th career goal in the first, Washington drew even 2-2 into the third on Salomonsson's first goal in 30 games this season.

The Capitals are undefeated in three games, winning one and tying two after losing three straight (0-2-0-1).

Montreal remained undefeated in regulation through each of its four games under new head coach Claude Julien. The Canadiens are 1-0-2-1 since Michel Therrien was fired on Jan. 17.

Senators 4, Sabres 3 (OT)

OTTAWA — Daniel Alfredsson scored his second goal of the game at 2:22 of overtime to lift Ottawa past Buffalo.

Alfredsson took a pass from Todd White in the slot and fired a slap shot between goalie Martin Biron's legs.

Biron extended his Buffalo-record shutout streak to 221 minutes, 58 seconds before allowing Alfredsson's power-play goal at 46 seconds of the second period.

Radek Bonk and Mike Fisher also scored for NHL-leading Ottawa.

Chris Gratton had two goals and Ales Kotalik also scored for Buffalo.

Avalanche 3, Maple Leafs 0

TORONTO — Patrick Roy tied Toronto's Ed Belfour for most shutouts among active NHL goalies as Colorado beat the Maple Leafs.

Roy made 20 saves for his 63rd shutout and second in two games.

He made 18 saves Thursday night in a 5-0 victory over Columbus.

Alex Tanguay, Milan Hejduk and Steven Reinprecht scored.

Bruins 1, Flyers 0 (OT)

BOSTON — Brian Rolston scored at 31 seconds of overtime and Jeff Hackett made 24 saves in his first game for Boston.

Rolston scored his 20th goal of the season, beating goalie Robert Esche with a shot just inside the left post.

Hackett, acquired Thursday from Montreal in the three-team deal that sent holdout defenseman Kyle McLaren to San Jose, has 23 career shutouts. Esche made 26 saves for Philadelphia.

Blue Jackets 4, Islanders 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Andrew Cassels had a goal and an assist and Marc Denis stopped 29 shots to help Columbus improve to 4-0-1-0 against New York.

Mike Sillinger, Lasse Pirjeta and Tyler Wright added goals for the Blue Jack-

ets. Arron Asham scored for the Islanders.

Panthers 3, Hurricanes 2 (OT)

SUNRISE, Fla. — Stephen Weiss scored 3:40 into overtime to lift Florida past Carolina.

Weiss took a cross-ice pass from Brad Ference just inside the blue line and shot the puck between goalie Arturs Irbe's legs. It was Weiss's first goal since Dec. 21 and his first in overtime.

Viktor Kozlov and Olli Jokinen also scored for Florida, and Roberto Luongo made 39 saves. Jeff Heerema and Russ Francis scored for Carolina.

Stars 4, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS — Pierre Turgeon and Scott Young scored in a 1:48 span midway through the third period for Dallas.

The Western Conference-leading Stars scored three goals in the third, also getting an insurance goal from Brenden Morrow, a day after their 12-game unbeaten streak (9-0-3) was ended in a 4-1 loss to Tampa Bay. The Blues, who entered the night third in the West, are 0-2-1 in their past three games.

John Erskine also scored for the Stars. Pavol Demitra and Al MacInnis scored for the Blues.

Predators 3, Lightning 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Walker and rookie Adam Hall scored third-period goals for Nashville.

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Lowe hit three three-pointers and scored 13 points and Deane had seven points in the first 10 minutes, as Purdue jumped to a 22-12 lead and never let the lead dip below 11.

No. 16 Notre Dame 101, Boston College 96 (OT)

BOSTON — Chris Thomas scored 25 of his 28 points after halftime and had seven assists and a season-high eight rebounds to lead Notre Dame.

Thomas scored 18 points in the second half, but was quiet in overtime before making two free throws, then stealing the ball from Troy Bell and making a breakaway layup to give the Irish (16-3, 4-1 Big East) 92-85 lead with 1:42 to play.

Notre Dame was 9-for-14 from the free throw line down the stretch to hold off the Eagles (8-8, 1-4).

Bell matched his season high with 31 points, and freshman Craig Smith had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the BC, which has lost six of its past eight games.

No. 18 Illinois 75, Penn St. 63

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — James Augustine had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Illini (14-3, 4-2 Big Ten), who had lost their past two conference road games.

Brandon Watkins had 18 points for Penn State (5-11) which is 0-5 in the Big Ten, the worst start since joining the conference in 1992.

No. 19 Georgia 85, No. 24 Auburn 79

ATHENS, Ga. — Ezra Williams had 19 points and Steve Thomas added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Bulldogs (12-4, 4-1 Southeastern Conference).

Brandon Robinson had a career-high 25 points and nine rebounds for the Tigers (15-4, 4-2).

No. 20 Marquette 72, DePaul 51

MILWAUKEE — Dwyane Wade scored 21 points and had a career-high seven steals, and Todd Townsend had all 12 of his points on four three-pointers in the opening nine minutes for the Golden Eagles (13-3, 5-1 Conference USA).

Sam Hoskin had 11 points for the Blue Demons (10-6, 2-3).

No. 22 Mississippi St. 67, LSU 64

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Michael Ignerski scored 15 points, including Mississippi State's final two baskets, as the Bulldogs went the final 5:42 without a field goal and withstood a frantic last-minute rally by LSU.

The Tigers (12-5, 1-4 Southeastern Conference) were down 65-53 with 55 seconds left, and it looked like their third straight loss was a foregone conclusion.

But Mississippi State (12-4, 2-3) got sloppy and couldn't make its free throws, while LSU started making three-pointers from all angles.

The Tigers outscored the Bulldogs 11-0 in a 44-second span, getting three straight threes from Darrel Mitchell, Torris Bright and Ronald Dupree. Dupree's was a leaver with 11.7 seconds left that made it 65-64.

Derrick Zimmerman hit two free throws for Mississippi State to up the lead to 67-64 with 9.5 seconds left.

No. 23 Oregon 76, Washington St. 66

EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Ridnour scored 28 points, and Oregon overcame a first-half deficit to beat injury-riddled Washington State and send the Cougars to their eighth straight loss.

The Ducks (14-4, 4-3 Pacific-10), playing without injured starting forward Luke Jackson, trailed 32-31 at the halftime. But they came back with renewed energy to lead by as many as 13 in the second half.

Washington State (5-12, 0-8) rallied to tie it at 51 on Chris Schlatter's jumper with 7:19 left. But Oregon scored the next 11, and the Cougars never regained the lead.

Thomas Kelati led Washington State with 18 points.

No. 25 California 80, UCLA 69

BERKELEY, Calif. — Joe Shipp had 23 points to lead No. 25 California over struggling UCLA, which lost its sixth consecutive game for the first time in 55 years.

UCLA's last six-game losing streak was during the 1947-48 season, the year before John Wooden took over as coach and led the Bruins to 10 of their 11 NCAA titles. Three of those losses came to Cal.

Amit Tamir added 20 points and 10 rebounds for Cal (14-2, 7-0 Pac-10), which has won eight straight games for the first time since a similar run late in the 1992-93 season.

Jason Kapono scored 23 points to lead the Bruins (4-11, 2-5) and move past Toby Bailey into fourth place on the school's career scoring list with 1,861 points — trailing only Don MacLean, Lew Alcindor and Reggie Miller.

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76ers 97, Heat 91

MIAMI — Keith Van Horn scored 26 points and Allen Iverson added 25 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers past the Miami Heat 97-91 on Saturday.

Eric Snow added 16 for the 76ers, who beat Miami for the ninth time in 11 meetings.

Eddie Jones, who led Miami with 26 points, scored with 1:29 remaining to give the Heat a 90-88 lead. But Iverson found Van Horn underneath the basket for a layup on Philadelphia's next possession, tying the game for the seventh time in the fourth quarter alone.

Miami's Mike James then turned the ball over, and Iverson connected on a 12-footer with 42.1 seconds left to put Philadelphia ahead for good.

Timberwolves 97, Wizards 89

WASHINGTON — Kevin Garnett scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half, and Minnesota rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to beat Washington for its fifth straight victory.

The Timberwolves outrebounced the Wizards 15-2 in the third quarter to tie the game and took control by opening the fourth with a 9-2 run.

The Wizards have lost three in a row and four of five, including their lethargic performance Friday night in Michael Jordan's final regular-season game at Chicago.

Garnett finished with 10 rebounds and six assists. Kendall Gill made all five of his shots in the third quarter, scoring 13 of his 19 points.

Jerry Stackhouse led Washington with 21 points. Larry Hughes scored 18, and Jordan had 17 points on 8-for-18 shooting.

Hawks 102, Cavaliers 101 (OT)

CLEVELAND — Glenn Robinson scored 27 points, including six in overtime, to help Atlanta beat Cleveland.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 25 points for Atlanta, which won its second straight after a six-game losing streak. The Hawks won for the first time on the road since Nov. 12 and improved to 3-17 away from home.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 19 points to lead Cleveland, which has lost six in a row and nine of 10. The Cavaliers dropped to 0-2 under interim coach Keith Smart, who replaced the fired John Lucas on Monday.

SuperSonics 95, Grizzlies 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Vladimir Radmanovic scored a career-high 29 points to lead Seattle over Memphis.

Radmanovic was 9-for-15 from the field, including 6-for-11 from three-point range, as Seattle snapped a four-game road losing streak.

The Grizzlies lost for the fifth time in their past six games.

Rashard Lewis scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the SuperSonics. Gary Payton had 18 points and six assists.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 25 points and 10 rebounds, while Lorenzen Wright had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Spurs 108, Pistons 76

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 22 points and Stephen Jackson added 20 to lead San Antonio over Detroit.

The Spurs shot a season-best 61.1 percent from the floor and led the entire way against the Pistons, who came in with the NBA's stingiest defense.

Detroit has held opponents to 86 points per game, but San Antonio surpassed that total in the third quarter.

Malik Rose, starting in place of the injured David Robinson, scored 18 points for the Spurs. Tony Parker had 16 points and nine assists.

Duncan grabbed 11 rebounds, while Detroit's Ben Wallace — leading the league with 15 boards per game — had only five.

Richard Hamilton paced the Pistons with 17 points.

Bucks 88, Nuggets 75

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 26 points and Ray Allen added 21 as Milwaukee beat Denver to reach .500 for the first time in nearly two months.

The Bucks (21-21), who have won seven of eight, used a 16-4 run midway through the fourth quarter to pull away from Denver, which has lost four consecutive games and seven straight on the road.

The Nuggets improved offensively from Friday night, when they were held to 58 points by Boston. Denver scored 27 in the first quarter but was limited to 48 points the rest of the way, missing 38 of 60 shots over the final three quarters.

Denver averages an NBA-low 80 points per game, and has averaged only 33 second-half points in its past four games.

Warriors 108, Jazz 95

OAKLAND, Calif. — Gilbert Arenas scored 27 points and Golden State beat Utah to win for the fifth time in six games.

Antawn Jamison added 26 points and Jason Richardson 15 for the Warriors, who snapped a seven-game losing streak against Utah. Troy Murphy had 14 points and 11 rebounds as Golden State beat the Jazz for just the third time in 32 tries.

Arenas also had nine assists and three steals. He and Richardson, his starting backcourt mate, were fined \$2,500 each before the game after missing practice Friday.

Matt Harpring and Karl Malone led Utah with 20 points each. The Jazz have lost three straight.

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Scores/standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	14	.674	—
Boston	25	18	.581	4
Philadelphia	23	21	.523	6½
Orlando	23	22	.511	7
Washington	21	23	.477	8½
New York	17	24	.415	11
Miami	15	28	.349	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	31	12	.721	—
Detroit	28	15	.651	3
New Orleans	23	21	.523	8½
Milwaukee	21	21	.500	9½
Chicago	16	27	.372	15
Atlanta	16	28	.364	15½
Toronto	10	33	.233	21
Cleveland	8	36	.182	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	34	8	.810	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	6½
Minnesota	26	18	.591	9
Utah	25	18	.581	9½
Houston	23	18	.561	10½
Memphis	13	30	.302	21½
Denver	10	33	.233	24½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	32	12	.727	—
Portland	26	15	.634	4½
Phoenix	26	18	.591	6
Golden State	20	23	.465	11½
L.A. Lakers	19	23	.452	12
Seattle	19	23	.452	12
L.A. Clippers	16	26	.381	15

Saturday's games

Philadelphia 97, Miami 91
 Minnesota 97, Washington 89
 Atlanta 102, Cleveland 101, OT
 Seattle 95, Memphis 83
 Milwaukee 88, Denver 75
 San Antonio 108, Detroit 76
 Golden State 108, Utah 95

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Saturday

1. Arizona (15-1) beat No. 6 Kansas 91-74. Next: vs. Stanford, Thursday.
2. Pittsburgh (15-1) beat Georgetown 65-64. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
3. Duke (13-2) beat Georgia Tech 91-71. Next: vs. Butler, Thursday.
4. Texas (13-2) beat No. 21 Missouri 76-55. Next: at No. 6 Kansas, Monday.
5. Florida (16-2) did not play. Next: at LSU, Tuesday.
6. Kansas (13-5) lost to No. 1 Arizona 91-74. Next: vs. No. 4 Texas, Monday.
7. Oklahoma (13-3) beat Baylor 67-54. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Tuesday.
8. Kentucky (15-3) beat No. 15 Alabama 63-46. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
9. Louisville (14-1) beat Tennessee 72-69. Next: at Southern Mississippi, Wednesday.
10. Creighton (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Christian, Sunday.
11. Connecticut (12-3) beat Villanova 74-65. Next: at St. John's, Monday.
12. Maryland (12-4) beat Clemson 52-47. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.
13. Oklahoma State (15-1) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday.
14. Indiana (14-4) lost to Purdue 69-47. Next: at Michigan State, Tuesday.
15. Alabama (12-5) lost to No. 8 Kentucky 63-46. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.

16. Notre Dame (16-3) beat Boston College 101-96, OT. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.

17. Wake Forest (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Sunday.

18. Illinois (14-3) beat Penn State 75-63. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.

19. Georgia (12-4) beat No. 24 Auburn 85-79. Next: at Vanderbilt, Wednesday.

20. Marquette (13-3) beat DePaul 72-51. Next: vs. East Carolina, Wednesday.

21. Missouri (11-4) lost to No. 4 Texas 76-55. Next: at Nebraska, Wednesday.

22. Mississippi State (12-4) beat LSU 67-64. Next: at Mississippi, Wednesday.

23. Oregon (14-4) beat Washington State 76-66. Next: at UCLA, Thursday.

24. Auburn (15-4) lost to No. 19 Georgia 85-79. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

25. California (14-2) beat UCLA 80-69. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	29	12	3	4	65	124	95
Philadelphia	27	12	8	2	64	121	103
N.Y. Islanders	22	20	5	5	51	135	145
Pittsburgh	21	20	4	5	51	135	144
N.Y. Rangers	21	24	6	1	49	132	153

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	11	6	1	71	167	110
Boston	25	18	5	1	56	148	129
Toronto	25	20	4	1	55	136	126
Montreal	19	19	7	5	50	130	145
Buffalo	15	23	7	3	40	107	123

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	18	7	3	54	140	137
Tampa Bay	20	19	7	4	51	139	143
Florida	15	18	9	8	47	113	146
Carolina	17	23	6	5	45	112	141
Atlanta	16	26	3	4	39	132	176

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Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	14	7	2	63	147	124
St. Louis	26	15	6	4	62	163	132
Chicago	21	17	9	3	54	120	121
Nashville	16	21	8	4	44	109	132
Columbus	19	25	4	2	44	142	157

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	28	16	5	0	61	153	130
Minnesota	25	17	7	1	58	123	109
Edmonton	23	16	5	6	57	138	136
Colorado	19	14	10	5	53	138	122
Calgary	17	23	7	3	44	108	139

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	11	11	1	68	156	103
Anaheim	20	18	7	4	51	119	123
Phoenix	18	20	7	4	47	124	134
Los Angeles	19	22	4	4	46	124	138
San Jose	17	20	6	5	45	128	147

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Saturday's games

Atlanta 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Washington 1, Montreal 1, tie
 Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 3
 Ottawa 4, Buffalo 3, OT
 Boston 1, Philadelphia 0, OT
 Colorado 3, Toronto 0
 Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
 Florida 3, Carolina 2, OT
 Dallas 4, St. Louis 2
 Nashville 3, Tampa Bay 2
 Calgary 4, Detroit 1
 San Jose 4, Minnesota 1
 Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT

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Walker took a pass from Kimmo Timonen and poked the puck behind goalie Nikolai Khabibulin at 9:01, and Hall added the winner 1:37 later with a one-timer from the left circle.

Denis Arkhipov also scored for Nashville. Ruslan Fedotenko and Vaclav Prospal scored for Tampa Bay.

Flames 4, Red Wings 1

CALGARY, Alberta — Roman Turek made 27 saves to help Calgary beat Stanley Cup champion Detroit.

Turek rebounded to beat Detroit two nights after being benched early in a 7-1 home loss to Phoenix.

Jarome Iginla scored his 15th goal for the Flames, Martin Gelnas added his 14th, and Rob Niedermayer

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and Dave Lowry also scored. Mathieu Dandenault had a power-play goal for Detroit.

Sharks 4, Wild 1

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Evgeni Nabokov made 32 saves for his first victory in nine games, and Owen Nolan had a goal and an assist in San Jose's 4-1 victory over Minnesota.

Vincent Damphousse, Marco Sturm and Scott Thornton also scored for the Sharks, who snapped a three-game losing streak and ended a six-game winless streak against the Wild.

Marian Gaborik scored for the Wild, who had won three of their previous four games.

Minnesota goalie Dwayne Roloson, who started his franchise-record eighth straight game, allowed more than two goals for just the eighth time in 29 starts, and the first time in eight games. He stopped 38 of 42 shots.

Kings 2, Devils 1 (OT)

LOS ANGELES — Ziggy Palffy scored at 3:50 of overtime and Felix Potvin made 34 saves as Los Angeles ended New Jersey's six-game winning streak.

Derek Armstrong had a goal and an assist to help the Kings improve to 3-11-1 in their past 14 games.

Scott Gomez tied it in the third period and Martin Brodeur made 30 for the Devils, 8-0-1 in their previous nine games.

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